

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2062 - SB 1829**

March 30, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a voter, who does not possess the required proof of identification, to appear in person at the county election commission office during the early voting period and sign an affidavit of identity, at which time an employee of the commission will digitally photograph the voter. The voter will then be allowed to cast a vote in such election at the county election commission office. The affidavit must be filed and the photograph must be digitally retained by the county election commission in accordance with guidelines approved by the State Coordinator of Elections.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$98,200/One-Time\***

Assumptions:

- Each county will need a camera to digitally take the photograph of the voter. There are 95 counties and some counties have satellite locations during early voting.
- For purposes of this fiscal note, 100 cameras (95 counties + 5 satellite offices) will be purchased by local election commission offices at a cost of \$100 each. The one-time cost of the cameras will be \$10,000.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections' office, counties were surveyed as to any additional costs associated with implementation of this bill. Some counties anticipated the need to hire an additional person to digitally take the photograph and match the photograph to the voter during the early voting period. There will also be an additional one-time cost for software in those counties that do not currently have the required software. The purpose of the software is to link the picture with the voter identification and then save this information on hard drive so information on any voter may be retrieved at any time. A picture would require some measure of voter identification to be useful. The cost of this software will be \$1,500 per county.
- Based on the results of the county survey, the one-time increase in local expenditures for additional staff and software will be \$88,217.
- The total increase in one-time local expenditures will be \$98,217 (cameras \$10,000 + \$88,217 for additional staff and software).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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